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THE MESSAGE

THURSDAY, NOV. 23, 1899.

The MESSAGE editor's family moved up from Laddonia this week.

The MESSAGE and Kansas City Star on year, \$1.15. Cash in advance.

St. Louis has an epidemic of typhoid fever. Impure water is the cause.

Miss Lillie Armstrong, of this city, returned this week from a visit to friends in St. Louis.

Centralia authorities sat down upon the proposition to establish a billiard hall in that town.

Scarlet fever, in epidemic form, has been raging at Moberly, and there have been many deaths.

Sam Calbreath, near Rush Hill, was badly frozen one night last winter; for a time it was thought he would die. He has clung to life however. Last Thursday it was found necessary to amputate all his fingers.

The New York Journal says, that there are two points on which the Boers are wrong in Africa: They forbid the Catholics to any share in the lawmaking of the country; they also forbid the Jews the same right. There is a population of 200,000 in the Boer Republic and only 60,000 of these are Boers.

Roberts, the polygamist congressman-elect from Utah, shows fight. Somebody down East reported that he was going to resign, and the following is his denial: "I have seen many such stories since I came East," said Mr. Roberts, "but there is absolutely no truth in them, and absolutely no basis for the statements. I will say, as emphatically as I can say it, that I do not intend to resign, and never have had any such intentions. I was fairly elected and propose to fight it out to the end with all the vigor at my command."

The attention of the taxpayers of this county is respectfully called to the following law passed at the last session of the Legislature: "If any tax-payer shall fail or neglect to pay such Collector his taxes, it shall be the duty of the Collector after the first day of January then next ensuing, to collect and account for, as other taxes, an additional tax as penalty, of one per cent per month upon all taxes collected by him after the first day of January, as aforesaid, in computing the said additional tax or penalty, a fractional part of a month shall be counted as a whole month."

A foreign surgeon has put forward the suggestion that appendicitis is caused by the habit of crossing the legs, which restricts the action of the digestive apparatus. The appendix is only loosely attached to the caecum, and there is always some half-digested food in the caecal bag. By crossing the legs there is liability that the undigested food may pass into the vermiform appendix and set up an inflammation. In a few hours pathological processes set in, and an attack of appendicitis is developed. So now, good people, don't cross your legs anymore.

A great German airship is being constructed in a dockyard. It is being built on a floating raft, and at present it resembles the skeleton of a huge vessel. It was built of such delicate material as to suggest an enormous bird-cage. It is made entirely of aluminum, and the outer skin will be stretched on this framework. Inside, a number of large balloons will be placed. A gallery and cars all made of aluminum will be placed underneath; engines are provided to drive the airship. The total lifting capacity of the airship will be about 10 tons, which is sufficient for it to carry enough stores and ballast to permit of its remaining in the air for some days: \$350,000 has been expended upon this experiment.

A Colored Millionaire.

HANNIBAL, Mo., Nov. 18.—Tom Johnson a colored man, has just returned from Klondike, where he went four years ago to seek his fortune. When he left Hannibal he was a poor boy, but he was successful and now he sports a diamond in his necktie worth \$1000. He has an interest in two claims in Klondike that are paying him large revenue. He is worth, perhaps, \$500,000. He formerly worked for Philip Tucker in this city, and when he returned a few days ago he learned that Mr. Tucker was about to lose his home, as the mortgage on it was past due. Johnson paid off the indebtedness and presented Mr. Tucker with a clear receipt, and this was done without Mr. Tucker's knowledge. He also bought a cosy home for his aged and widowed mother and has made many handsome presents to his old friends, both white and colored. He expects to return to Alaska in a short time and declares that he certainly will be a millionaire in 1900.

Spreckels Anti-Expansionist.

CHICAGO, Nov. 17.—John D. Spreckels of San Francisco, a member of the Republican National Committee, passed thru Chicago last night on his way East. Mr. Spreckels will attend the meetings of the national committee at Washington, December 14. "I am an anti-expansionist," said he, "and as I came thru the great prairies of the West on this trip, I could not help but think of the great good that might have been done in our own country with the money which we are spending to maintain the army in the Philippines."

"If that money had been spent in irrigation in the Western countries, I believe the United States would have reaped greater benefits from it than it ever will by the retention of the Philippines."

Mr. Spreckels said that he thought it was very probable that the national committee would select Chicago as the place for holding the next national convention.

KILLS HIMSELF.

A Former Audrain County Boy—Was in Mexico This Fall.

MONROE, La., Nov. 16.—Fred H. Glascock, a barber, came from Monroe about six weeks ago from St. Louis and secured work with Ed. Mounier. He was found dead at his boarding house this morning, having ended his life by taking morphine. On the back of a letter was the following memorandum: "Mrs. M. C. Glascock, Nevada, Mo.: Please notify Miss Marguerite Moynihan, Macon, Mo. My photographs are at Brinkley, Ark. Write to Chief of Police, Mr. Belcher."

Mrs. Glascock was notified by telegram, and a reply was received from the dead man's brother, instructing the authorities to send the remains to Nevada, Mo.

The young man was an adopted son of ex-Sheriff "Hodge" Glascock, and was raised to manhood in Audrain county. He was in Mexico during fair week this fall. The remains of the young man were brought to Mexico and interred in the city cemetery last Saturday.

Short Stops.

No one has ever attempted to pull teeth by christian science.

While a man is thinking how a thing ought to be done, a woman will do it.

A man brave enough to kiss a young woman wearing glasses would make a hero.

There are several young ladies in this city who believe with some of the Senators and are in favor of annexation.

If a fool and his money are so easily parted, will somebody please tell us why it is there are so many rich fools?

A woman will spend an hour before the glass primping to please a man, when she could cook a meal in twenty minutes that would please him much better.

The horny handed man calls it "pay," the skilled mechanic "wages," the city clerk "salary," the banker "income," the land owner "rent roll," a lawyer "fees," a burglar "swag," but it all comes to the same at the end of the week. —St. Louis Humorist.

Boys and Cigarettes.

"Coffin nails," as some one has called them, continue to be the bane of the youth of this country, notwithstanding all that has been said on this subject. Physicians know the evil effects, and when called out always condemn the habit.

Dr. C. A. Clinton, of the San Francisco Board of Education, "has made a special study of the effect of cigarette smoking among the public school children of that city, and expresses himself in the following unmistakable language: 'A good deal has been said about the evils of cigarette smoking, but one half the truth has never been told. I have watched this for a long time, and I say calmly and deliberately that I believe cigarette smoking is the most injurious of all habits.'

"A cigarette fiend will lie and steal, just as a morphine or opium fiend will lie or steal. Cigarette smoking blunts the whole moral nature. It has an appalling effect upon the system. It first stimulates and then stupefies the nerves. It sends boys into consumption. It gives them enlargement of the heart and sends them to the insane asylum. I am physician to several boys' schools, and I am often called in to prescribe for the palpitation of the heart. In nine cases out of ten it is caused by the cigarette habit. Every physician knows the cigarette heart. I have seen bright boys turned into dunces, and straight-forward honest boys made into miserable cowards by cigarette smoking. I am speaking the truth that every physician and nearly every teacher knows."

Figures for Farmers.

It is as the Omaha World-Herald says, the farmer who carefully notes comparative prices will not easily be deceived by the administration cry of "progressive prosperity." The fact of the matter is that it is getting the worst of it all the time, and with increasing regularity. He takes note of the prices prevailing now and the prices prevailing a year ago and two years ago, and finds that it takes more and more of the products of his toil to buy the things he must have in his business. A year ago a farmer could buy a 100-pound keg of steel nails with a bushel and three pecks of wheat. To-day he must trade five bushels and a peck of wheat for a 100-pound keg of steel nails. Oats are to-day worth 5 per cent more than they were this time last year, but the iron pipe which the farmer must have for his windmill, has increased 112 per cent. To-day the farmer's corn is worth less than 3 per cent more than it was this time last year, but the barbed wire which he must have to protect his grain fields and meadow lands has increased 110 per cent. The farmer's potatoes are to-day worth 50 per cent less than they were this time last year. Lumber—and the farmer must keep his outbuildings in repair, is worth 50 per cent more. When the farmer hauls a load of hay to town he discovers that it is not worth more than it was this time last year, while the rope he must have for farm use is sold for 115 per cent more. The farmer who ponders on these facts—and farmers are pondering thereon—cannot be convinced that he is receiving his share of "prosperity." He notes that the prosperity is all showered on the trusts, and that he is forced to give more of the products of his toil for the things he must have.

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Big Cattle Sale.

BUNCEON, Mo., Nov. 16.—To-day witnessed the fourth successful sale of shorthorns from the Idlewild herd. The sale was held on the same farm where the herd was established, by the present owner's father, Captain George Harned, in 1895. Auctioneer's Sparks, Harrison and Edwards sold the offerings, consisting of forty-eight head, twenty bulls and twenty-eight heifers, at an average price of \$107 per head. The bulls brought \$111.75 each; the heifers \$82. Orange Duke II and Grand Young, bull, was brought by Barbour & Amick of Windsor, Mo., for \$320.

The Great Presidential Campaign of 1900.

The politics of the great political parties are now being formed and the candidates discussed. The voice of the people as recorded by ballot at the approaching Presidential election will probably decide the policy of the nation for the next decade. Every citizen must study the great questions that are to come before the people. This can only be done thru the medium of a great newspaper. Now is the time, therefore, for every voter to subscribe for the best and most reliable newspaper obtainable. The Semi-Weekly Republic covers the whole field of political news. While it is Democratic, it publishes the news in regard to all political parties without prejudice. Its telegraphic and cable news service is superior to that of any other paper. Its paper for that large class of readers who cannot afford or do not have access to the daily papers.

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CHAMP CLARK TALKS.

DeArmond for the Minority—Leadership—A Tribute to the Memory of R. P. Bland.

Hon. Champ Clark is working for the candidacy of a Missourian for the minority leadership of the next House of Representatives. Mr. Clark gave out the following interview at Washington the other day:

"The strange thing about the speakership contest is that the Republican nomination, which means honor, power, a place in history, and \$3,000 extra salary per annum, is, and for months has been, settled definitely, while the Democratic nomination is the object of the ambition and rivalry of at least a quartet of palpitating statesmen, who openly avow their yearning, while perhaps a dozen more have lightning rods concealed about their person ready for election and exhibition on the least persuasion or the faintest call.

"As to the Democratic leadership, only one thing is cocksure, and that is the man who receives 85 votes is a sure winner, he may win with less. Originally, 172 anti-Republicans were elected to the Fifty-sixth Congress. The places of Settle of Kentucky and Emment of Pennsylvania are vacant, leaving 170. One of these is a silverite, three or four are populists, and two or three are Fusionists. These may or may not attend the Democratic caucus. There are four entries for the Democratic leadership: DeArmond of Missouri, Richardson of Tennessee, Bankhead of Alabama, and Sulzer of New York. Bankhead is the oldest, Sulzer the youngest, Richardson the tallest, and DeArmond the smallest, physically, not mentally. Professionally, they stand one farmer to three lawyers. Richardson was Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives; Sulzer of that of New York. DeArmond has been a Judge, Bankhead, Warden of the Penitentiary. Each served in his State Legislature. Bankhead is serving his thirteenth year in Congress; Richardson his fifteenth; DeArmond his ninth; Sulzer his fifth. Richardson and Bankhead were soldiers in the Civil War; Sulzer was not then born, and if DeArmond fought any, he leaves it out of his autobiography.

"Geographically, there is one Northerner, two Southerners, and one Southwestern. Politically, all are Chicago platform Democrats.

"As Missouri is the greatest and most populous State in the Union that invariably gives her electoral vote to the Democratic presidential candidate, we think she is entitled to this honor, which may appear empty now, but which will lend the recipient of this nomination in the Speaker's chair in the next Congress; and, as DeArmond is Missouri's only candidate, he ought to be nominated.

"While I would not disparage the claims of any candidate or any State, or cast any suspicion on the fealty of any gentleman or section, it is nevertheless true that in the public mind Missouri is more intimately associated with the Chicago platform and the crusade for the restoration of silver to its ancient place of honor than is any other State, and, for that reason also, DeArmond being her sole candidate on this occasion.

"It would be a splendid and well merited tribute to the precious memory of Silver Dick Bland to nominate a Missouri Democrat of his way of thinking; and Missouri presents DeArmond to the caucus as the chairman of the Committee on Resolutions at the Pertle Springs Convention, which made possible the Chicago platform of 1896. With a Missourian for leader, the world would not have to be told that the party had taken no backward step on the silver issue.

"The old proverb hath it, good wine needs no bush to proclaim it. Neither does a Missouri Democrat need any certificate of political good character. Not only are Missourians faithful and ardent, but what's more, they are increasing. The next census will give Missouri three or four additional Congressmen and presidential electors—all Democrats therefore imperial Missouri ought to have this leadership nomination as an acknowledgment of her growth in grace and good works.

Feeling a Spider in His Pastor.

A most amusing and interesting experiment is in the reach of every one who has a tuning-fork. Take it to a spider's web, set the fork vibrating and touch the edge of the web lightly. Mr. Spider has the buzzing sound conveyed to him by the threads of his web. He will run to the center of the web quickly, and feel all around until he touches the thread against which the fork is sounding; then, taking another thread along, just as a man would take an extra piece of rope, he will run out to the fork and spring upon it, imagining that a fly has been enmeshed, for the sounding of the fork against the web exactly simulates the buzzing of a fly.

A True Princess.

The following pretty little story of England's future queen is vouched for. During the late visit of her royal highness the princess of Wales to her country home she called at the house of one of the most valued members of her household, with whom was then staying an aged relative, whom the princess had known for many years. This lady, being at present badly crippled by rheumatism, apologized to the princess, saying, "I hope you will excuse me, may'm, I can't curtsy, but may I kiss your hand?" "No, indeed," was the gracious princess' answer. "You shan't do that. I will kiss your hand." And so, in very deed, she did.

Women Ministers.

New York Journal: There are to-day about 300 women ministers in the United States. In America the ministry is being more used by women as a profession than the law. The great value of women ministers in America is for scattered parts that cannot possibly afford to support a man. They can maintain a woman minister. The chief opposition to women pastors comes from ministers of the poorer and less qualified class. Of course, the older and more conservative ministers, bishops and the like do not look with much pleasure on a woman in the pulpit.

Art of Making Parfaits.

It is difficult nowadays to know when one is getting a veritable artifice or when he is having an imitation palmed off on him. Carved ivoories are stained with oil to give to them the mellow tint of age, and to get the cracked appearance supposed to be due to antiquity they are heated to the right temperature. The corrodor to which bronze is subject is utilized to get an antique effect ahead of time. China is stamped with old marks so cleverly that even experts are deceived, and furniture has little holes drilled in it to deceive the unwary with the idea that worms have been eating it for generations.—New York Press.

Stockings Cost \$200 a Pair.

A noted customer of London says he has designed \$200 worth of costumes for one woman, while a pair of stockings he provided for a noted belle cost \$500 and a tea gown \$5,500. The designing and carrying out of these costumes is done by men. In the large tailors' establishments only the skirt hands are women, and the principal dressmaking houses in Paris are presided over by men. In addition, the finest artificial flowers are the work of male hands, and the designs and drawings for embroideries are prepared by them also.—From the New York Evening World.

Bear-Fighting in Italy.

Bear-fighting by the high aristocracy is one of the latest fads reported from Italy. The prince of Melfetta recently gave an exhibition in which he himself fought a young bear which he had trained not to use its claws for scratching. King Humbert was so pleased at a similar exhibition given a short time ago in Rome for charity that he contributed \$10,000 from the royal exchequer.

Breeding Worms for Lazy Fishermen.

A Ruyor, Me., man has gone into the business of breeding anglerworms for fishermen who have no time or are too lazy to dig their own bait.

Molly—Some girls are so disagreeable.

Dolly—Yes; why I actually know several who have contracted the habit of telling the truth.

Mr. Broudstairs—I have three hundred hens on my place.

Young Quigley (solemnly)—Well, you want to look out for them.

Mr. Broudstairs (astonished)—Look out for them! Why?

Young Quigley (still solemnly) Because they are laying for you.

Vapor from Smokeless Powder. What is called smokeless powder really throws off a shadowy vapor. This vapor is perceptible only when viewed through a disk of violet glass inserted in an ordinary field glass. Colonel Sweet, of the army medical museum, Washington, made this discovery.

Buying a Dress in Japan. When ladies go to buy a dress in Japan they tell the shopkeeper their age, and if they are married or not, because there are special designs for the single and double relations of life, as well as for ages. The consequence of this painful custom is that you can tell the age of every lady you meet, and know whether she is married, precisely as though she were labeled.—Tid-Bits.

Snakes as Ratters. Snakes are the professional rat-catchers in the Philippines. Nearly all of the older bungalows in Manila possess what are called house snakes—huge reptiles, generally twelve or fourteen feet long and as thick as a fire-engine hose—that permanently reside up in the roof and live on rats. These big creatures are harmless and rarely, if ever, leave their abodes.

Style in Handkerchiefs. New York Evening Sun: The woman who cares for the details of her toilet is ever on the watch for new ideas. One of the latest fads is said to be in regard to the handkerchief. It may be colored nowadays, but must be governed by the gown with which it appears. A gown that shows pale blue as a contrasting shade may also show pale blue in the accompanying handkerchief. If it isn't in sympathy with the costume, the handkerchief of color becomes a simple bit of gaudiness and deserves instant suppression.

Popular Because Familiar. "The clamor for the so-called 'popular music,'" says Theodore Thomas, "makes it impossible to present a good program without the support of this 'influential minority,' and yet a person who clamors for 'popular music' does not know that he only means familiar music; that Beethoven's symphonies would soon become as popular to him as 'The Star Spangled Banner' if he only heard them as often and that it is only his unfamiliarity with the great classic masterpieces which prevents his enjoyment of them."

Made His Fortune. The prince of Wales while shooting in Austria caused temporary trouble and ultimately made the fortune of the nearest ladies' tailor, by stipulating that all ladies receiving invitations to shoot with him should come in correct shooting costume. This, in Austria, consists of a short skirt coming half way between the knee and ankle and a short, tight-fitting jacket, with waistcoat of another color, boots of brown leather and a Tyrolean hat with a feather. None of the ladies had just these clothes at hand, and the tailor had to do some his force to supply them.

The Shah of Persia. Muzaffir-i-Din of Persia was made the governor of a province when he was quite a small boy, though he had no work to do in connection with the office. Owing to his father's jealousy and parsimony he was kept very short of money and desperately ignorant, while he was also indolent and heedless. Nowadays he seems a fairly amiable sort of gentleman. He spends his time in shooting, taking snapshots, playing with a little telegraph instrument, and pottering in his garden, in a pea-jacket and Scotch tweed trousers, setting and resetting plants. He is still slovenly in his habits.

Only One Girl for Him.

It was rumored in the city of Providence a while ago that the pastor of the Center church was about to marry a certain Miss S., a beautiful society young woman, but belonging to the Episcopal church. The good people of the pastor's church talked it over and came to the conclusion that he might choose more wisely. Finally it was left to the elders to wait upon and expostulate with him. They visited him and expressed to him the feelings of the church. The pastor listened patiently till they were through, and then laconically remarked: "Gentlemen, there is more than one Congregational church in the world; there is but one Miss S."

The Production of Gold for 1899.

The world's production of gold for 1899, if Australia and South Africa maintain the rate with which they began the year, will probably reach \$340,000,000, or about \$50,000,000 more than in 1898. At the end of the current year the three principal countries will rank in the following order in the list of gold-producing districts: South Africa.....\$106,000,000 Australia.....78,000,000 United States.....74,000,000 The state of Washington. It is thought, will far exceed its usual production; and the Klondike, which in 1897 and 1898 produced respectively 6,027,000 and 13,700,000 dollars' worth of gold, it is estimated will yield in 1899 at least \$20,000,000 in yellow metal.

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